order. The firm has been deregistered for supplies to Defence.

Supply of sub-standard grease by M|s. Krishna Grease manufacturing Co., Calcutta

1537. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s. Krishna Grease Manufacturing Company, Calcutta, had been ordered to repay Rs. 1.50 crores for the supply of sub-standard Grease, SG-240, but no action has been taken so far against the culprits involved in this affair;

(b) whether it is a fact that this said firm was de-registered for sub-standard supply but immediately after expiry of one and a half month, de-registration was revoked and order for the supply of Grease SG-240 and LG-280 was placed again with it; and

(c) if so, on whose orders and under what conditions the de-registration was revoked?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Against a supply order placed by DGS&D on M|s Krishna Grease Manufacturing Company, Calcutta, the firm had supplied 196.455 MT of SG-240 and 810.937 MT of LG-280, of total value of Rs. 1.59 crores (approx).

Since standard checks on samples drawn from some of the batches of the aforesaid supplies were not found to be in conformity with the specifications, these batches were rejected. The rest of the supplies were frozen and an inquiry ordered into the matter. DGS&D has been advised to ask : (i) M/s. Krishna Grease Manufacturing Company to replace the rejected consignments; and (ii) to withhold payment for supplies against this supply order. The firm has been de-registered for supplies to Defence. Further, two officials of the Controllerate of Quality Assurance (Petroleum Products) have been transferred.

(b) and (c) The firm was de-registered on 3-7-88 by the Director, Quality Assurance (Stores) of DGQA Organisation, as the firm had not replaced some consignments of stores which were lying rejected at the consignee's end. After receipt of information that they had replaced these consignments, the de-registration was revoked by DQA(S) himself on 30-8-88. The order for supply of grease SG-240 and LG-280 was placed on this firm in Oct. 1988 by the Director General, Supplies & Disposal.

Malaria Eradication Programme

1538. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Malaria Eradication Programme was launched in some parts of the country with World Bank assistance;

(b) if so, the number of workers engaged in different States under the Scheme;

(c) whether some such schemes are being discontinued;

(d) if so, the number of workers likely to be affected due to the winding up of those schemes; and

(e) the steps taken to provide alternative employment to those workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) No.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Employees of Indian Statistical Institute

1539. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all categories of employees of Indian Statistical Institute, including Professors have been on hunger-strike and mass demonstration for quite some time;

(b) whether Government have been apprised of the demands of this agitation;

(c) if so, what are those demands; and

(d) what action Government are contemplating to meet the demands of the said employees and save this premier Institution from the present stalemate?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No Sir. However, some of the members of the ISI Workers' Organisation had gone on a token hunger-strike for 24 hours on 20-6-89.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) The main demands are immediate implementation of the decisions of the Indian Statistical Institute Council in regard to pay-scales for the non-faculty staff and payment of HRA, at old rates, to the employees occupying jhupris in the ISI campus.

(d) The Government has already agreed to the proposal of the ISI for payment of compensation to the employees occuping jhupris in the ISI campus. The existing non-faculty staff has been given the corresponding Fourth Pay Commission replacement scales, with effect from 1-1-1986. A final decision regarding the pay-scales for new entrants, and for the existing employees on their promotion has not yet been taken.

Low-Production of Telephone equipments

1540. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of telecommunications equipment is not keeping pace with the rising demand therefor;

(b) if so, the steps taken to increase the production of telecommunications equipment and thereby reducing the import thereof; and

(c) what is the projection made regarding the production and import of equipment during Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The capacities of the existing factories in the Central Government/State Sector are being expanded and new factories are being set up in Private and Joint Sectors.

(c) The projections are being worked out and are yet to be finalised in consultation with the Planning Commission. The current estimates are that the total requirement of the telecom equipment would be of the order of Rs. 19,000 crores in the Eighth Plan. The import content will be identified during the course of finalisation of the Plan.

Production of electronics goods

1541. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking any steps to increase the production of electronic goods in the country; and

(b) the details of specific plans drawn up to increase the production of electronic goods in Orissa during the Seventh and the Eighth Five Year Plans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Steps taken by Government to promote the Electronics Industry are given the enclosed Satement. (*See* below).

(b) It is proposed to set up a Software Technology Park at Bhubaneswar. With a view to upgrading the technology of the indigenous electronic equipments, a LSI/VLSI Design Centre is also being set up at Bhubaneshwar. Department of Electronics under its Standardisation Testing and Quality Control Programme provides quality promotional services to electronics industry through nation-wide network of laboratories/centres. Location of one such Electro-